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FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE FOLLOWING ARE EXCERPTS
FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING MARCH 13, 1975:

QUOTE:

Q. YESTERDAY THERE WAS A REPORT OUT OF DAMASCUS BY THE MAN
DESCRIBED AS THE HEAD OF THE MILITARY SECTION OF THE PLO,
AND ALSO HEAD OF THE SYRIAN SUPPORTED SAIQA GUERRILLAS, TO THE
EFFECT -- HE IS REPORTED AS SAYING "WE WILL STRIKE AT ANY ISRAELI
STRATEGIC TARGET WHEREVER WE CAN REACH IT, IN ISRAEL OR IN JAPAN
OR IN THE UNITED STATES."

LET ME ASK YOU FIRST WHETHER YOU HAVE A GENERAL REACTION TO
THAT.

A. WELL, LET ME SAY FIRST THAT THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT
TAKES ALL SUCH THREATS VERY SERIOUSLY.

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Q. HAVE ANY PRECAUTIONS BEEN TAKEN BY THE UNITED STATES IN THE
LIGHT OF THIS STATEMENT?

A. I AM NOT GOING TO GET INTO ANY DETAILS ON SPECIFIC MEASURES.
BUT LET ME SAY THIS. UNDER INTERNATIONAL LAW, IT IS THE SOVEREIGN
RESPONSIBILITY OF THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO PROTECT OUR
OFFICIAL FOREIGN GUESTS AND OFFICIAL FOREIGN INSTALLATIONS,
INCLUDING THOSE OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL. WE TAKE THIS RES-

PONSIBILITY VERY SERIOUSLY. AND WE ARE VERY VIGILANT IN CARRYING THIS RESPONSIBILITY OUT.

Q. WAS THERE ANY OFFICIAL -- ANY MESSAGE OR ANY COMMUNICATION OF ANY KIND TRANSMITTED FROM THE PLO TO U.S. OFFICIALS ON THIS MATTER?

A. I DON'T KNOW OF ANY SUCH COMMUNICATION. END QUOTE.
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